



Practical Nursing, CERT

This program has selective admissions. Please see Allied Health Activation page of the college's website for details.

[PN.AC; CIP Code 51.3901]

Academic Certificate Program

This program combines general education with practical nursing courses to prepare students for entry-level practice. Upon successful completion of the program, graduates are eligible to apply to take the National Council Licensing Examination (NCLEX-PN) and to apply to a Board of Nursing for licensure as a Licensed Practical Nurse. The Nursing program is accredited by the New Jersey Board of Nursing.

End-of-Program

Student Learning Outcomes

- Graduates of the practical nursing program will report they can deliver competent care to a diverse population at a rate of 80% on the graduate survey.
- Graduates of the practical nursing program will report they communicate effectively with the healthcare team at a rate of 80% on the graduate survey.
- Graduates of the practical nursing program will report they are competent in documentation in the health care record at a rate of 80% on the graduate survey.

First Semester – Fall

Part A: 7 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> BI 106 Anatomy & Physiology I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> EN 101 English Composition I	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PRAC 110 Practical Nursing I	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PRAC 111 Practical Nursing Lab	1

Part B: 7 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> PRAC 120 Practical Nursing II	3
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Second Semester – Spring

Part A: 5 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> PRAC 130 Practical Nursing III	3
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Part B: 10 weeks

<input type="checkbox"/> BI 107 Anatomy & Physiology II	4
<input type="checkbox"/> PY 101 General Psychology	3
<input type="checkbox"/> PRAC 140 Practical Nursing IV	5
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TOTAL MINIMUM CREDITS: 30

Special Admission Requirements

- Practical Nursing is a selective admission program. Students must be accepted to the program prior to registering for any PRAC courses.
- Admission packets can be found on the College website.
- Clinical agencies require criminal history background checks (CHBC) for all individuals engaged in patient care. All students must undergo a CHBC upon acceptance into the Practical Nursing Program. CHBC results are sent to the clinical agencies, who have sole discretion to decide if the student may engage in patient care at the agency. If a student is denied the opportunity to participate in the clinical agency as a result of the findings of the CHBC, the student will be dismissed from the Practical Nursing Program.
- Students who do not meet pre-requisite and co-requisite course requirements and/or grade requirements will not be able to progress in the Practical Nursing program.
- Students must complete the Practical Nursing program in two years from the start of the first Practical Nursing course.

PROGRAM GUIDE SHEET EFFECTIVE WITH CLASSES ENTERING 9/2025

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